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SUBJ: WOUNDED KNEE

1. APPARENTLY AS BYPRODUCT OF DEMONSTRATIONS IN UN PLAZA, CHIEF LEON SHENANDOAH OF " SIX NATIONS", ACCOMPANIED BY SIX NATIONS' S LAWYER OMAR GHOBASHY, ASKED TO CALL AT USUN AND WERE RECEIVED BY POLCOUNS MID- AFTERNOON MAY 4. GHOBASHY WAS PRINCIPAL SPOKEMSMAN, HIS REMARKS BEING EXPLICITLY ENDORSED BY SHENANDOAH. CALLERS FULLY UNDERSTOOD THAT USUN HASNO RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS BUT ASKED THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIONS BE COMMUNICATED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES IN WASHINGTON. POLCOUNS AGREED TO DO SO AND MADE NO OTHER UNDERTAKINGS.

2. AFTER DESCRIBING SIX NATIONS LEADERSHIP AS CONSERVATIVE, INTENSELY LOYAL AMERICANS WITH LONG RECORD OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES, GHOBASHY PROVIDED TEXT OF PETITION BY SIX NATIONS (ON BEHALF OF OGLALAS) WHICH HE SAID HAD JUST BEEN PRESENTED TO SYG AND CHAIRMAN OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (TEXT SEPTEL). HE EMPHASIZED THAT THIS STEP HAD BEEN TAKEN RELUCTANTLY, AT REQUEST OF OGLALAS, NOT AS A DISLOYAL ACT, BUT AS A MATTER OF REPRESENTING THE CASE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,
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" PARTICULARLY THE US PUBLIC", IN CONTEXT OF RUMORS OF ALLEGED FEDERAL ULTIMATUM TO WOUNDED KNEE INDIANS. CALLERS SAID THEY WERE NOW REASONABLY CONVINCED RUMORS OF ULTIMATUM, WHICH HAD INCLUDED REFERENCES TO TANKS AND

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CROP BURNING, WERE FALSE.

3. BASIC PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO COMMUNICATE SIX NATIONS OFFER TO MEDIATE BETWEEN US AUTHORITIES AND INDIANS IN WOUNDED KNEE. SUCH MEDIATION HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY OGLALA SIOUX. SIX NATIONS LEADERSHIP (INCLUDING CHIEF WILLIAMS LAZORE, ONONDAGA; CHIEF LEON SHENANDOAH, ONONDAGA, IRAQUOIS CONFEDERATION; CHIEF MOSES DAVID, MOHAWK NATION; CHIEF LLOYD M. ELM, ONONDAGA; MAD BEAR, PRESIDENT, LEAGUE OF NATIONS, PAN- AMERICAN INDIANS OF TUSCARORA NATION) HAD DECIDED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY IF THEIR MEDIATION ACCEPTABLE TO US AUTHORITIES. THEY PROVIDED COPY OF TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO SIX NATIONS BY NATIONAL TRADITIONALISTS COUNCIL AT KYLE, SOUTH DAKOTA.

4. CALLERS SAID EXPLICITLY THAT THEIR MEDIATION WAS OFFERED TO ASSIST TWO SIDES TO AGREE ON INTERPRETATION OF APRIL 5 AGREEMENT WHICH " EACH SIDE ASSERTS OTHER HAS FAILED TO ADHERE TO".

5. PENDING DECISION ON THEIR OFFER OF MEDIATION, SIX NATIONS WISHED TO SECOND REQUESTS THEY UNDERSTOOD PEOPLE IN WOUNDED KNEE HAD MADE TO US AUTHORITIES. THESE INCLUDED SUSPENSION OF ULTIMATUM (IF THERE WASONE); ENTRY OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WATER, FUEL OR POWER FOR LIGHTING ; AND ACCESS FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL, SPRITUAL LEADERS AND LAWYERS OF INDICTED PERSONS IN WOUNDED KNEE. THEY ALSO REQUESTED STRICT ADHERENCE TO APRIL 5 AGREEMENT BY US AUTHORITIES, FULLY RECOGNIZING AGREEMENT INTERPRETED DIFFERENTLY BY TWO SIDES.

6. FOR THEIR OWN PART, SIX NATIONS LEADERS WISHED TO COUNSEL US AUTHORITIES ON QUESTION OF MEDIA ACCESS TO WOUNDED KNEE, ABOUT WHICH OGLALAS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE COMPLAINED. WHILE SIX NATIONS COULD UNDERSTAND WHY AUTHORITIES MIGHT BE MOTIVATED TO LIMIT PUBLICITY FOR INDIANS IN WOUNDED KNEE, THEY THOUGHT FULL MEIDA COVERAGE DESIRABLE BECAUSE
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DISTURBING RUMORS, PROBABLY INACCRUATE, WERE SPREADING AND DISTURBING INDIANS ALL OVER " OUR COUNTRY" . INDIANS ARE AFRAID THAT " REPRESSIVE MEASURES" MAY BE BYPRODUCT OF WOUNDED KNEE. THEY FEAR SUCH THINGS AS ARRESTS, ILLEGAL SEARCHES, HARASSMENT, RETARDATION OF LEGISLATION.

7. CALLERS CONDUCTED THEMSELVES WITH DIGNITY AND COURTESY THROUGHOUT INTERVIEW.

8. GHOBASHY GAVE HIS ADDRESS AS 377 BROADWAY, NEW YORK. HIS OFFICE TELEPHONE IS AREA 212, 966-7781; HOME NUMBER IS AREA 914, 834-8462 (LARCHMONT, NY).
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